#### THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.

APPROPRIATE SUNDAY ARTICLES,

Spurgeon's Home Life-Popular Opposition to Legalizing Racetrack Gambling in New Jersey-Religious Notes.

PROFIDENCE.

Sustan a mother, with sweet, pious face, learns towards her children from her seat— Cives one a kiss, another an embrace. Takes this upon her knee, that on her feet—

And while from actions, looks, complaints, preshe learns their feelings and their various To this a look, to that a word dispenses, and, whether stern or smiling, loves them

so Providence for us, high, infinite, hiskes our necessities its watchful task, hiearkens to all our prayers, helps all our

And even if it denies what seems our right.
Either denies because it would have us ask,
Or seems but to deny, or in denying, grants. From the Italian of Filicaja, Leigh Hunt.

Mr. Spurgeon's HomeLife. of am one of those who cannot rest unless they have something to do." In this significant sentence from the preface to his last look. "Memories of Stambourne," Mr. Spargeon has shed a good deal of light upon his public career and his home life. He was combless possessed of that subtle something which we label genius; but mere genius counts for little unless it be applied as a factor in realizing the product of labor. Nothing comes of genius if it only wields a wand; genius must find something to domaid on li-if it is to enrich the world with a barvest worth the gathering. Few men of am one of those who cannot rest unless and to it—it it is to enrich the world with a barvest worth the gathering. Few men canted less upon genius than Mr. Spurgeon; he was ever a persistent toller, and denied himself for many years the rest and recreation which are held to be essential for repairing the waste of nerve power and the sear and tear of brain and muscle. Had he smak for the workingman's demand of eight hours a day he would have secured a day average of eight or ten hours for recreasomething to do" greeted him on and "something to be done" marked minished chapter of each day's history, before Miss Havergal sung in her of Consecration,

"Take my moments and my day."

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In Spurgeon had made the surrender, and aget to crowd into the waking hours of day a night thoughts and plans which blossominto the fruitage of a grand life work. The home life of a man who converts his use into a workshop is in danger of being orn of all domesticity; but such was not case of Mr. Spurgeon. Home to him was me in the most sacred sense, and its arms were those of his own creation, ring the time the delirium raged in his at lines he besought his anxious and derst liness he besought his anxious and de-oled ministrants to take him home. So mg as he was under the delusion that his hends had left him where his sickness excel him, he could find neither rest nor lace. The hunger of his heart for the actuary of home refused to be appeared til his mind was satisfied that the familiar ets to which attention was directed were

the charms of home and the potency of the come speil are described in one of the chapters of his most popular book, "John Plough-

That word home always sounds like erry to me. It rings like a peal of bells at sadding, only more soft and sweet, and it mass deeper into the ears of my heart. he to see the smoke out of my own chimney for than the fire on another man's hearth: ere's something so beautiful in the way in thich it curls up among the trees. \*\* A one should be a Bethel, not a Babel. \*\* If and no home the world would be a big prison me. \*\* It does not matter whether it ans thatched cottage or manor house, home home, be it ever so homely; and there is no page on earth like it. Green grow the buseleek on the roof forever, and let the moss fairsh on the thatch. Sweetly the sparrows corrup and the swallows twitter around the been spot which is my joy and rest. When a are out friends do their best; but still it is home. 'Make yourself at home,' they say,

'East and west, Home is best.' Why, at home you are at home, and what more do you want?"

With such an estimate of home, and with such a fondness for its charms as is expressed is the above sentences, we do not wonder that wasre sancrified affection ennobled "the com-

mon round, the daily task."
Throughout the home at Westwood there was everything to minister to comfort, but there was nothing superfluous for display, good thate ruled in all the appointments; and in the formiture and the pictures there was not even a suggestion of redundancy. The draw-increom of the previous occupant was turned into a well-stocked library, and the billiard room became a study, in which most of Mr. Spurgeon's time was spent. Here his secretaries were engaged; for it served the purpose of an editor's sanctum and the official beauquarters for the correspondence of the president of the College, the Orphanage and the Colportage Association, and the pastor of the Tabernacle course. How many letters were received and depatched daily there is no official record to was everything to minister to comfort, but spatched daily there is no official record to choned by tens of thousands. A workshop my; still, to the head of the house it was ; and despite the absorbing nature of the he detached himself from the pressing is imbrance with the utmost ease to attend ball the courtesies claimed by kinsfolk and squaintances. At such periods Mr. Spurgeon had all the freedom and buoyaney of a man of exensive leisure. His fine social instincts found full play in the social circle; and he had be rare art of making his guests feel at home and appear at their best. His power of conversation was proverbial, but he never showed ation to play the hero. Natural, and call affectation, no company could be be he was either host or guest. As a history he had many a good story as an omnivorous reader, no subject started watch left him a silent

for his domestic pets was one of his most ment characteristics. He once had a cus cat, and "Dick's" affection for his ser often made him a welcome visitor to His dog "Punch" was a beauty of engine pug variety, who reveled in a and seemed proud of the putronage his lavished upon him. In the farm in the minature homestead Mr. had a genuine pride; for Mrs. found in their care an avocation ared an immunity from the distressthruor which her sufferings often en-Flowers and ferns and fishes in the atories exerted a charm of which both d Mrs. Spurgeon never tired; and it are of a feeling of pleasure than of which invited them to descant upon beauties to appreciative visitors. A sround the garden with the master of wood has been a privilge to many a wel-visitor, whose memory is not likely to order the incident; it is something to

tener; and as a keen observer of men and

as sonl's response to a well-told story.

ympathies were intense, and the love he

Smiles and tears very soon re-

cals at Westwood were for necessity, hisplay, and the fare was always simple. M. Sporgeon was most moderate in all mat-ters of eating and drinking. Under no cir-massances did he touch alcohol in any form

famous diversion of his earlier years was a game at lawn bowls on a Saturday Memosin; and in this he followed the example a most of the old Puritans. It was a matter appointment and regret when he was not indulge in the healthful exercise. dange of work is scarcely recreative. Yet has was the only recreation Mr. Spurgeon exhitted himself for many years. We are of emitted himself for many years. We are of han's for however varied the phases of a man's vocation may be, it is only the lawful hobby which will enable him to rest. Strictly and the overstrain brought him within

alley of the Shadow." the ordained end of the ministry of sufferto vindicate the ways of God to man, to shape "things not seen and eternal" present realities which faith may view into present realities which faith may view with tearful eyes and grasp with trembling hand, the sickness of Mr. Spurgeon fulfilled its purpose. The sense of a great loss possesses the heart of the world, for by the death of Mr.

Spurgeon one of the most prominent Englishmen has been removed, and one of the most powerful ministries brought to a close.

There were traits in Mr. Spurgeon's character of a distinctly feminine type, and this, perhaps, is true of all great men. Considerate for the comfort or well-being of others, he was less mindful of himself than he had a right to be. For his beloved wife he maintained a love less mindful of himself than he had a right to be. For his beloved wife he maintained a love touching in its tenderness; and throughout the many years of their wedded life their endearments never lost the charm of their early courtship. Their confidences were mutual, and their friendship was cemented by the esteem in which each held the other. Beautiful in their lives, the smile of God lighted up their home; and, despite the afflictions which each had borne, they were permitted a foretaste of those pleasures which are at God's right hand forevermore.—By the Rev. V. J. Charlesworth.

Another Victory for Moral Sentiment. Another Victory for Moral Sentiment.

The good people of New Jersey made last week a great demonstration at the seat of their Legislature in Trenton against two in lquitous bills which had been introduced in the interest of race-track gamblers. These bills were far-reaching in their scope, and if they had been allowed to become laws the whole state would practically have been given over to the gambling element of New York city on the north and of Philadelphia on the west.

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The bills were very cunningly drawn so as to afford complete protection to such infamous resorts as the Guttenburg race-track in Hudson county, and the Gloucester race-track near Camden. Under the provisions of these bills races could be run at any season of the year, and the infamous business of bookmaking could have been carried on either in a licensed or unlicensed form. They would have practically removed the matters would have practically removed the matters beyond the reach of the courts, tied the hands of grand juries and prepared the way for the reign of the most flagrant vice and immorali-

The people of the State were thoroughly aroused under the leadership of the ministers, and delegations attended the hearing at Trenton from every county. They overcrowded the large assembly chamber where the hearing took place, hundreds of the best women of the State being in the galleries. The members of the Legislature were told in plain language that the provisions of these piain language that the provisions of these bills were repulsive to the decent, law-abid-ing element of the State, and it was made ap-parent to them that the proposed legislation was demanded only by lawbreakers, gamblers and those elements of the population which are a scourge rather than a source of strength to the State. Most of the speakers referred to the great victory which moral convictions of the nation had just gained over the iniquitous Louisiana lottery, and warned the Legislature that it would subject New Jersey to the contempt of the whole country if it attempted to legislate in protection of a principle as vicious as that which underlies

The demonstration accomplished its pur-The demonstration accomplished its purpose, and few members of the Legislature could be found willing to say a word in favor of the bills. It is altogether likely that they will be killed in the committee; and though other race-track bills less radical in iniquity may be introduced, there is little enance of their passing at the present session. The victory, like that over the lottery, is one of sound moral sentiment. The hands of the Law and Order Leagues in New Jersey are now greatly strengthened, and the provisions now greatly strengthened, and the provisions of the existing laws which have been violated of the existing laws which have been violated with impunity at Gloucester and Guttenburg will now be enforced with such vigor as to promise complete success. A decision of the Supreme Court of the State last week upholding convictions in the Clifton race-track cases in Passaic county will add to the predominant force of public sentiment and weaken the hopes of those who are thriving on the gains of these pest places.—The Independent.

Religious Notes. The State of Kentucky proposes to make her appropriation of \$100,000 for the World's Fair contingent on Sunday closing.

Bishop Randolph heid confirmation services at St. John's, Hampton, on Sunday, Feb-ruary 21st., and confirmed a class of twentyfour, among whom were six Indians.

In accordance with its annual custom, the American Tract Society this week will present a Teacher's Bible to each member of the graduating class at West Point.

ing advances in the Maritime Provinces of Canada, especially in Nova Scotia, where the societies have been more than doubled during

Bishop Whittle has issued a pastoral address to the children of the diocese asking them to give their Lent offerings to the Diocesan Missionary Society, and impressing upon them the importance of that work.

The meetings of the Endeavor Societies on Endeavor day in all parts of the country were targely given to discussions with regard to practical methods and the drawing up of resolutions and petitions against the Sunday opening of the Columbian Exposition.

Reports come from a number of cities of Calitornia, Oregon, Missouri, Iowa and else-where of large additions to the Presbyterian churches. A hundred new members were admitted to the Second Presbyterian church at Elizabeth, N. J., as a partial result of the work of Mr. Mills.

On one occasion when the late Rev. Charles Page Even was dean of Oriel College, grave complaints against the college cook were brought to him by the undergraduates. The dean sent for the offender, recapitulated his several delinquencies, and threatened him with dismissal. "La, Mr. Eden," rejoined the cook in a confidential tone, "it's no manner of use attending to what the young men tell you about my dinners. Why, you know, Mr. Eden, they come just in the same way to man and a manufacture to the cook of th me and complain about your lectures."

Official reports state that between the years 1870 and 1887 the Russian Orthodox mission-aries baptized 71,272 heathen, 8,597 Jews and 4,294 Mohammedans. From 1870 to 1877 the the number of heathen converts increased steadily; since that this contingent grows less while the number of Jewish converts in-creases and of Mohammedans vary.

An international Cainelic organ, entitled The Social Movement, is about to be es-tablished in Belgium under the leadership of Catholic socialism of the carrier of the carrier of the carrier or the carrier of the carrier or the carrier of the car Catholic socialism of all countries. Its programme includes the independence of the Pope as a primary necessity and the popularizing of the doctrines of the recent encyclical on labor, so as to reconcile labor and

it was suggested when Messrs. Moody and Sankey went to Scotland that, as a result of the theological discussions that have been going on there, they would find a different tone in the churches. Mr. Moody, however, says that they have found Scotland more cortical to the same than the dial than ever. Fully half of the meetings have been held in Established churches, and Mr. Moody says he never preached to as many ministers as in this visit.

The American Bible Society, the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions of the Presby-terian Church, and the Society for the Em-ployment and Rellef of Poor Women are made residuary legatees of the estate of Henry Ten Brock Gamage, who was found dead in his room in the University building on Washington square, New York city. The estate includes \$30,000 to \$40,000 in bonds and a large number of paintings, many of which are supposed to be of great value. The so-cieties will get the greater part of the estate, as there are only a few personal bequests. It is reported that the relatives will contest the

The Pope has addressed an encyclical letter to the French clergy declaring that any form of government is good provided it tends to further public welfare, and that it is therefore their duty to accept the legally established government and not attempt to change its distinction between its drawn beform. A distinction, however, is drawn between established powers and legislation. The former must be obeyed, but legislation opposed to the religion of God cannot be apopposed to the religion of God cannot be approved. He considers a republic quite a legitimate form of government, and urges that the Concordat be respected and that the Church place itself in accord with the French Republic as it has with that in the United States.

ment come every month. A few weeks since an independent presbytery was formed in Memphis, Tenn., with three ministers and five churches, having 279 members. It has been suggested that the three presbyteries in Mississippi, Central Alabama and Texas, being in contiguous States, might be organized into an independent synod, and this will undoubtedly be done during the present year, thus insuring the complete establishment in the near future of the African Presbyterian Church in this country.

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Name of the general agent in Virginia—Brunner.

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The number of policies issued dur- ing the year, 69,395.		
The amount of insurance effected thereby	1223,115,331	Ę
during the year	83,126,349	
The amount of interest received, and all other receipts The amount of losses paid during	5,908,504	3.5
the year and endowments and additions	9,848,716	ě
Annuitants, surrendered policies, dividends to policy-holders The amount of expenses	4,944,979 8,173,388	
The whole number of policies in force, 29,424.	9413430	
The amount of liabilities or risks thereon and all other liabilities. The amount of capital stock, if	109,905,537	8
war amount or publicat attoon it	900,000	ú

The amount of assets and how invested 136,198,118 38 III. INVESTED ASSETS. Book value of real estate \$31,203,618 24 Loans on bonds and Loans on bonds and mortgages thirst tiens, on real estate. Loans secured by pledge of bonds, stocks, or other marketable collaterals. Book value of bonds, stocks, etc., owned absolutely. Deposited in trust companies at interest. 26,339,331 32 51,467,659 21 Cash in bank and other depositories and in course of transmission since received.

Agents' ledger balances 5,822,325 25 4,919,533 82

Total net or ledger assets ..... \$130,670,433 85 IV. OTHER ASSETS. Interest and rents due and accrued. Market value of bonds and stocks over book value. Gross deferred and uncollected premiums on policies in force December 31, 1891......

Total assets as per the books of the society.....

Amount of dividends in capital of #100,000—\$7.000, included above in expenses.

#### BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA. Number. Amount.

Policies in force December 31, 1890, 2,460 \$ 7,841,773 Policies issued during 1891. - - - 1,295 3,307,675 Total, - - 3.755 \$11,149,448 Deduct policies ceased to be in force during 1891. - - 361 Policies in force in Virginia December 31, 1891, - - 3,394 \$10,104,465 Losses and Claims Unpaid December 31. 11,000 1890, - - -Losses and Claims incurred during 91,012 1891. - - -Losses and claims on policies paid during 1891, - -

THOMAS D. JORDAN, Comptroller, W. ALEXANDER, Secretary.

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF NEW YORK, SS; County of New York, ss:

County of New York, ss:

Be it remembered that on the 1st day of March, 1892, at the city aforesaid, before me, Charies Nettleton, a commissioner resident in the said city, duly commissioned and qualified by the executive authority, and under the laws of the State of Virginia, to take acknowledgment of deeds, &c., to be used or recorded therein, personally appeared Thomas D. Jordan, comptroller, and William Alexander, secretary of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, a life insurance Society of New York, who being duly sworn, depose and say, and each for himself says, that they are the above-described officers of the said company, and that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the actual condition of said organization on the last day of its fiscal year, to-with the Sist day of December, 1891, according to the best of their knowledge, information and belief, respectively.

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In testimony whereof, I have here.

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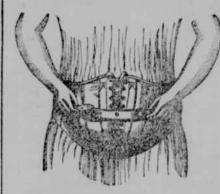
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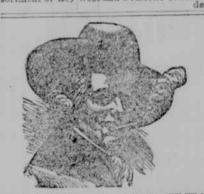
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